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THE SUCCESS OF DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

Now that Washington county is firmly established as the first agricultural county of Oregon, it may be well to recall how that pre-eminent position was attained, and to give credit where it belongs.

It was a railway, however other regions may consider such corporations the farmers' natural foe, that was the great benefactor of this part of the Willamette valley. Farming was at low ebb, unprofitable alike to the producer and the carrier of the products to market.

Dairying seemed the branch of agriculture most likely to bring about the desired result, and accordingly a campaign of education was begun and vigorously waged. First the newspapers were interested, to get the utmost possible publicity.

As this county succeeded to the prestige of Tillamook as the leader in dairying, it may be well to contrast conditions in the two. The coast county fancies rather Shorthorns and Holsteins than Jerseys. As the rain fall makes the ripening of grain to maturity impossible, cows are pastured most of the year and hay cut for winter use.

It perhaps should be noted in connection with the development of the dairy industry throughout Western Oregon during the past few years, that the introduction and popular use of the hand separator was the means of bringing practically every dairymen into connection with the railway lines into the market for the product of his dairy herd.

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Another factor in building up good dairy herds has been special rates on blooded stock in less than carload lots, from a single cow up, and considerable fine cattle has been brought in through this inducement.

The dairy industry is now on its feet, its future is assured, and it is developing as rapidly as conditions will permit. While two large condensed milk plants have crowded out of their immediate vicinity the small country creameries, there are yet neighborhoods where these prosper, and the better prices which the condensers have offered their patrons have stimulated creameries to greater efforts toward giving better inducements to those who patronize them.

FOREST GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES AND NEEDS.

The Forest Grove school district during the past year, ended the third Monday in June, received from all sources \$4,778.83, of which \$29.96 was balance from preceding year, \$3164.22 district tax, \$937.85 from county fund, \$618.45 from state fund, and \$31.35 tuition.

Next year the new law goes into effect, by which the county gives \$6 to the county school fund for each child of school age, but as the \$50 to each district must be paid the county will practically give, besides the \$50, about \$5 for each child and the state fund will probably be \$1.55 as now or \$5.55 altogether, a total of \$2314.40, which is \$743.60 more than was received this year from the same sources.



That amount will provide for several improvements absolutely needed to make the school which the size of the town demands. A 9th grade is a necessity, so is the lengthening of the term by at least one month, and equally important is raising the salary of the assistant teachers, while the price paid the principal is no credit to the town now that funds are available.

The university academy should not be relied on to do in its sub-preparatory year the remainder of the public school work. Not only is there tuition to be paid, but those incidentals of student enterprises which though not compulsory are in practice not to be evaded and the greater expense for dress which seems to accompany the transition from the public school to the college campus, all make the present plan prohibitive to many.

The salaries of teachers in what ought to be the leading school of the county must not be less than the average (\$40 for female teachers) over the county, if Forest Grove is to escape the disgrace of paying lower wages than the small country districts.

Lack of funds has so far been a good reason for deferring these desirable improvements, but the money is now in sight, the directors are anxious to have just as good a school as possible, and the people of the city will support them in these efforts, which not only benefit those having children but as well every property owner and every business man.

Mrs. Coleman Monday again remembered The News with a bouquet of sweet peas whose fragrance made work in their vicinity a pleasure. Another remembrance thankfully acknowledged was bringing in the subscription of one of her neighbors to whom she had shown The News. Such encouragement makes it easier for the newspaper to do its part toward advertising the country by getting out a creditable paper.



HIGHER EDUCATION AND SUICIDE

By WILLIAM BACON BAILEY, Ph. D. of Yale University

SUICIDE IS INCREASING IN THIS COUNTRY. There can be no question of that from close observation and statistical record. Unfortunately, however, in only a few states are such records well kept. In Chicago recently there was a mania for suicide. It is impossible to tell from the published names of the persons who take their own lives whether they are of more frequency in any particular nationality.

WHERE THERE IS A GENERALLY HIGH EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE THERE IS MENTAL WORRY AND THE LIFE IS FASTER, THE WORK IS HARDER FOR MEN TO GET TO THE TOP, THE NERVOUS TENSION IS GREATER, AND THAT MAY INTENSIFY THE TENDENCY TOWARD SUICIDE.

When we consider the percentage of males and females with respect to different conjugal conditions, we find that single, widowed and divorced WOMEN COMMIT SUICIDE MORE THAN DO MEN in like situations, but the married men are slightly higher in the scale than the wives. This is probably due to the fact that the struggle for existence bears most heavily upon the women who are trying to support themselves.

Among the single the maximum number of cases occurs BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWENTY AND THIRTY, AMONG THE MARRIED BETWEEN THIRTY AND FORTY, the widowed between sixty and seventy, the divorced between sixty and seventy, while of those whose conjugal condition was unknown the age was also unknown.

DESPONDENCY IS THE LEADING MOTIVE, CLAIMING ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF THE VICTIMS. Business loss, ill health and insanity follow in order, with about 13 per cent each. Then follows disappointment in love, with the remaining motives far in the rear.

BRIBERY IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH THE REFERENDUM

By JAMES P. CODMAN, Direct Legislationist

WILLIAM FLINN, for twelve years a member of the senate of Pennsylvania, recently said, "It is not strange that the average legislator, earning a salary of \$100 a month or less, would be tempted to be dishonest when he is confronted by a bribe of \$20,000 for a single vote."

How can this be done? The answer is, remove from the lawmakers the final power to enact laws. Do this by restoring that power to the people, and then no bribery will be attempted. No man will pay for goods that cannot be delivered. Give the people an optional veto upon all legislation and you have solved the vexed problem now under consideration.

DIRECT LEGISLATION THROUGH THE METHOD OF THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM WILL DO FOR ANY OF OUR STATES WHAT IT HAS SO SUCCESSFULLY DONE FOR SO MANY YEARS IN SWITZERLAND.

Where the Devil Gets Recruits

By United States Senator CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW

IT IS NOT FROM THE FAMILIES OF THE VERY RICH THAT THE DEVIL GETS HIS RECRUITS. It is rather from the well to do country families whose sons come to the city to be educated. This is because of the discomforts of boarding houses, the attractions of saloons and the coldness of churches.

The reason so few sons of families of wealth go to the devil is because the FAMILY INFLUENCES HEDGE THEM IN until they are old enough to stand alone, which is when they are about twenty-six, at which age there is little danger of their going astray.

The tone of the colleges in which they are brought up nowadays is hostile to dissipation. Formerly it was otherwise.

A MAN WHO IS ADDICTED TO DRINK NOW IS A SOCIAL OUTCAST.

"WE ARE LIVING IN AN AGE OF SOCIALISM"

By JOHN D. LONG, Ex-Secretary of the Navy

WE ARE LIVING IN AN AGE OF SOCIALISM, AS I UNDERSTAND SOCIALISM. I fear no theories, no fanatics and no millionaires, but I do believe in and trust in the judgment of the good everyday people of this country to work out these problems. Wealth is all right, but it is not to be considered for a moment with a clear mind, good health and a clear conscience.

July 19 In History.

- 1824—Augustine Iturbide, ex-emperor of Mexico, was executed; born 1783. Iturbide began his career as a most valiant and loyal soldier in the armies of the king of Spain and helped put down numerous insurrections by a rigorous hand. Finally he conceived a plan of independence and did not stop until the yoke of Spain was cast off forever.
1845—Great fire in New York city; loss, \$10,000,000.
1857—Dorothea Lynde Dix, eminent philanthropist, died in Trenton; born in Worcester, Mass., 1805.
1888—Rev. Edward Payson Roe, the popular American novelist, died at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson; born 1827.
1896—General Joshua K. Sigfried, a Federal veteran, died at Pottsville; born 1822.
1899—Elizabeth Thompson, noted philanthropist, died at Littleton, N. H.; born 1821.

July 20 In History.

- 1294—Petrarch born; died 1374.
1854—Caroline Anne Southey, poet and novelist, widow of the laureate, died; born 1757.
1870—Beginning of the Franco-Prussian war. French troops marched to the frontier, and Napoleon's declaration of war was received and acted upon in Berlin. The war grew out of dispute over the succession to the throne of Spain, although this was a mere pretext, as the bitterest feeling had existed between the countries for many years. Napoleon, however, has been charged with forcing a crisis in order to produce internal harmony and strengthen his tottering throne.
1887—Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., the novelist, died in Hyde Park, Mass.; born in Water-ville, Me., 1825.
1897—Jean Ingelow, British poet and novelist, died in London; born 1830.
1902—John W. Mackay, the American capitalist, died in London; born 1830.

July 21 In History.

- 230 B. C.—Darius Codomanus, or Darius III, last of the original line of Persian kings, dying from Alexander the Great, was murdered.
1001—Pope Nicholas II died.
1796—Robert Burns, poet of Scotland, died at Dumfries; born near Ayr 1759.
1861—Bathurst Hume, called by the Confederates Manassas, General Irving McDowell commanded the Federals, numbering 18,000, and General P. G. T. Beauregard the Confederates, General Joseph E. Johnston brought 8,000 troops from the Shenandoah to the support of Beauregard, giving him a total of 22,000 men. The battle ended in the precipitate retreat of McDowell's army. The Confederates did not pursue.
1893—Rear Admiral Melancthon Smith, U. S. N., retired, died at Green Bay, Wis.; born 1816.
1899—Robert G. Ingersoll, soldier, lawyer and noted agnostic, died at Dobbs Ferry; born 1833.

July 22 In History.

- 1325—The council of Nice in Italy; 1,000 years previously the famous council of that name was held in Asia Minor.
1403—Hotspur (Sir Henry Percy) was killed in the battle of Shrewsbury.
1823—The Duke of Reichstadt, son of Napoleon II, only son of Napoleon McPherson, I, died near Vienna; born 1811.
1864—General James B. McPherson, commander of the Federal Army of Tennessee, was killed in front of Atlanta; born 1829.
1883—General Edward Otho Cresap Ord, distinguished American soldier of the civil war, died in Havana; born in Maryland 1818.
1884—Jane Grey Swisshelm, writer, advocate of woman's rights, died at Swisshelm, Pa.; born 1810.
1895—Professor Rudolf Gneist, eminent German scholar and professor, instructor of the reigning kaiser, died in Berlin; born 1826.
1902—Cardinal Ledochowski, distinguished Roman Catholic prelate, died in Rome; born 1822.

July 23 In History.

- 1793—Roger Sherman, "signer," died in New Haven; born 1721.
1816—Charlotte Saunders Cushman, actress, was born in Boston; died 1876.
1866—Great riot in Hyde Park, London, reform meeting broken up by the police.
1875—Isaac Merritt Singer, sewing machine inventor, died.
1878—Thibide Shiao (Mrs. Richardson), famous in the days of Scott, Wilson and Hogg, and afterward a landlady of an anglers' resort in Selkirkshire, died at the age of 96.
1883—Wharf fell at North Point, Md., and 65 persons were drowned.
1885—General Grant died in the Drexel cottage at Mount McGregor; born 1822.
1888—Courtlandt Palmer, agnostic and tri-millionaire, died near Brandon, Vt.; born 1843.
1893—Port Louis, capital of Mauritius, devastated by fire; it was wrecked by a hurricane in 1882.
1897—The Dingley tariff law went into effect at midnight.

July 24 In History.

- 634—Caliph Abu-Bekr, first successor of Mohammed, died.
1783—Simon Bolivar, South American liberator, born in Caracas, Venezuela; died 1830.
1796—John Middleton Clayton, statesman, diplomat in the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, born in Sussex county, Del.; died 1856.
1798—John Adams Dix, general and statesman, born in Boscawen, N. H.; died 1879.
1803—Alexandre Dumas, the novelist, born, died 1870.
1862—Martin Van Buren, ex-president, died at Kinderhook, N. Y.; born 1782.
1896—Rev. Edward Beecher, one of the famous seven brothers, died in Brooklyn; born 1802.
1897—General Lafayette McLaws, a noted Confederate officer and a veteran of the Mexican war, died in Savannah; born 1821.

July 25 In History.

- 206—Constantine Chlorus, Roman emperor and father of Constantine the Great, died.
1780—Henry Knox, American general, secretary of war under Washington, born in Boston; died 1842.